

## **Record Lake Sturgeon– Winnebago System**

**Largest lake sturgeon ever captured during spawning assessments on the Wolf River, Winnebago System, Wisconsin, 1950-2012; 87.5 inches total length, approximately 240 pounds, partially spawned out female; 10 April 2012 at the Shawano Paper Mill Dam spawning site. DNR Crew Leaders Sturgeon Biologist Ryan Koenigs (red hood/blue hat center) and Senior Fisheries Biologist Kendall Kamke (Yellow hat center back); dipped by Ryan Zernzach, Fisheries Technician (sun glasses, dark rain jacket, center left front)**



### **Fish Information:**

**Total Length:** 87.5 inches

**Weight (estimated):** 240 pounds

**Sex:** Female (partially spawned out; ~ 40% of eggs already released)

**Estimated Age:** 125 years old

## Fish Historical Timeline:

Year	Age	Important Events in the Fish's Life	Important Historical Events of the Year
1887	0	Newly hatched lake sturgeon	Grover Cleveland is US President. Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show opens in London
1914	27	1 <sup>st</sup> run up the Wolf River to spawn as a mature adult female	Fish had its 1 <sup>st</sup> spawn 2 months before the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austro-Hungarian empire, in Sarajevo, Bosnia sparking the beginning of World War 1
1932	45	1 <sup>st</sup> Modern sturgeon spearing season on Lake Winnebago after a statewide harvest ban on lake sturgeon beginning in 1915 was ended	Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic; Charles Lindbergh's son is kidnapped
1945	58	8 <sup>th</sup> run up the Wolf River as a spawning adult	Two to 3 weeks after this fish spawned for the 8 <sup>th</sup> time in its life World War II ended in Europe
1969	82	At this point the fish had lived through 38 spearing seasons on Lake Winnebago and 10 spearing seasons on the Upriver Lakes	Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon
1990	103	Dan Folz (Sturgeon Biologist 1974-1990) retires; Ron Bruch, new Sturgeon Biologist attempts to fill Dan's shoes	Communist Party relinquishes sole power of Soviet Republic (USSR)
2012	125	Ryan Koenigs takes the Sturgeon Biologist helm from Ron Bruch. Spawning assessment crew led by Ryan and Kendall Kamke, DNR Senior Fisheries Biologist, captures this fish on its 25 <sup>th</sup> spawning run (estimated) up the Wolf River at Shawano Dam	XXX Olympiad summer games to be held in London in August